

TOWN OF GARNER  
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources  
Advisory Meeting Minutes  
Date: October 21, 2019

Date and Time: Pursuant to the Bylaws governing the Garner Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Advisory Committee, a meeting of the Advisory Committee was held on October 21, 2019 at 6pm.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm. The committee members present were: Bob Deaton-Chair, Ernestine Durham-Vice Chair, Chris O'Connor, Cassandra Liles, Hope Webber, Byron Wade and Elmo Vance- Council Liaison. Committee Members absents were Althea Boone, and Tina Johnson- Senior Advisory Committee Liaison. Staff members present were Sonya Shaw- Director, Rob Smith- Assistant Director, and Sara Shaw- Recreation Program Specialist.
2. Approval of the October Agenda:
  - a. Mr. Wade made the motion to approve the agenda and Ms. Webber seconded the motion.
  - b. The Agenda was unanimously approved by the committee.
3. Approval of the September Meeting Minutes:
  - a. Mr. O'Connor motioned to approve the Minutes and Mr. Wade seconded the motion.
  - b. The Minutes were unanimously approved by the committee.
4. Petitions and Comments from the Public:
  - a. Helen Carter and Teena Bardor presented to the Advisory Committee research and information about inclusive playgrounds. Ms. Bardor has a grandchild who is in a wheelchair and cannot play at many of the playgrounds the Town operates. The ladies passed out examples of inclusive equipment as well as information on possible grants and expressed interest in helping the Town fundraise for the project. They mentioned the greatest need was for adaptive swings.
  - b. Dr. Shaw stated that the Town had a transition plan in place for existing facilities and was looking at ways to be more inclusive at new sites.
5. Committee Members Concerns/Comments:
  - a. Ms. Liles mentioned how much her children had enjoyed PRCR programs when they were younger but didn't see many programs offered for teens. Dr. Shaw stated that need was being addressed in the upcoming Comprehensive Plan.
6. Senior Advisory Committee:
  - a. None
7. Reports/Discussion Items:
  - a. Garner Recreation Center Update
    - i. Dr. Shaw reported that there was no updated timeline for the new facility. The project is mainly delayed because of roadwork improvements that must be made.
  - b. PRCR Comprehensive Plan Update
    - i. Dr. Shaw stated that the team had a good session with council on October 3 and received feedback on the plan as well as direction on the Meadowbrook and Yeargan properties. Dr. Shaw mentioned that the department must have the Comprehensive Plan by the end of the year for Accreditation, so that was the main concern.

c. Miscellaneous

- i. Mr. Smith informed the committee that December 7<sup>th</sup> had been declared a makeup day for year-round schools and would impact the Christmas Parade. He also mentioned that staff was gearing up for the annual Trick or Treat the Trails and were expecting approximately 60 vendors. White Deer Park is set to celebrate it's 10ths Anniversary on November 9<sup>th</sup>, from 10am-2pm.

d. Announcements

- i. None

e. Adjournment:

- i. Ms. Durham motioned to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Webber seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58pm.